

Pension Application for Josiah Knapp or Knap

S.13666

State of New York
Albany County SS.

On this 28th day of July 1832 personally appeared before Joseph B. Moore a Judge of the County Courts of the County of Albany and State afores'd Josiah Knapp a resident of the town of Westerlo in the County of Albany and State of New York aged 76 years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He entered the said service at New Windsor in the County of orange in the State of New York in the month of July or first of August 1776 and enlisted or joined Capt. Nickolas Company (1) of Colonel Nichols Regiment of Militia (2) and was marched immediately to Fort Montgomery on the west side of the Hudson River, thinks the said fort was commanded by Genl James Clinton. (3) After staying at the said Fort a short time, he was marched down to Verplancks point on the said river where he was stationed to keep guard, after being kept there awhile he was marched up the river to a place not far from Peekskill, where they put a small Fort or redoubt—from this place he was marched to Fort Constitution and then back to New Windsor aforesaid, where he was discharged on the first day of January 1777. In the month of June 1777 as near as he can recollect he again entered the said service at Fredericksburgh in the then county of Dutchess in the State of New York, and joined Capt. Townsend's (4) Company as a volunteer in Colonel Luddington's regiment and went immediately to Robinson's Red Mills in the same town, where he joined the said company, he staid a short time, and was then marched down towards White Plains, where they made a halt then went to White Plains, where he staid a short time and then was marched down to a place called "Wards House" in the County of Westchester on the East side of the Hudsons River, where he went with the said company & regiment, and while he was on the march down towards "Wards House" Fort Montgomery (5) was taken—They were shortly after marched back and went to Fishkill and other places not now recollected along the lines for the purpose of guarding the lines, that he was at different places during the campaign on each side of the river, and he cannot recollect the names of all the places he stopped at. That he was finally dismissed in the month of November in the same year but cannot tell the precise place where. He knows that he served at this time more than four months. He served as a private Soldier in the above mentioned companies & regiments, during the term aforesaid—That he did not again enter the Service afterwards—That he never received a written discharge, nor has he any documentary evidence to prove his service nor does he know of any person he can procure to testify to his service except Josiah Hinkley who has made the following affidavit.

That he resides 22 miles from the City of Albany where the Courts of record for the County of Albany are held, that he is very infirm and is wholly unable to go that distance from his home to attend the Court—He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Josiah Knapp

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me, J. B. Moore, Judge of Albany County Courts.

End Notes—S.1366—Josiah Knapp

1. John Nicoll was appointed captain on September 20, 1775 of the Second Company (New Windsor Precinct) in Colonel James Clinton's Second Regiment of Ulster County Militia. James Clinton was appointed Colonel of the Third New York Continental Regiment on June 30, 1775. Lieutenant-Colonel James McClaughrey then commanded the Second Ulster and on Clinton remaining in the Continental service after 1775 McClaughrey was appointed colonel of the regiment.
2. Colonel Isaac Nicholas of the Orange County Minute Men commanded a five months regiment of men raised from orange and Ulster Counties. Josiah is probably referring to this as this regiment was at Fort Montgomery and Constitution.
3. James Clinton on August 9, 1776 was appointed a Brigadier General in the Continental Army.
4. Captain Elijah Townsend's Company in Colonel Henry Luddington's Seventh Regiment of Dutchess County Militia.
5. Fort Montgomery, N.Y. was captured on October 6, 1777.